MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) No. The three training courses intended for the teachers of Quilon Division were originally planned to be held somewhere in Quilon Division. But these came ultimately to be held in the Capital.

(*b*) The following are the reasons for such change of venue:

(i) The teachers came up for training from 8 taluks in Quilon Division. It was felt that it would be a splendid opportunity to give them first hand instruction and practice in the A. R. P. measures, First-Aid and allied practices to meet any emergency in the present war conditions and to be serviceable to their own localities and that this object could be achieved successfully if these camps were held in the Capital of the State. As a matter of fact, it was possible to get the Chief A. R. P. Controller and other trained A. R. P. Officers, Police Officers and qualified and experienced Medical Officers to come and give intensive instruction to the campers in the various topics.

(ii) The Camp Officer and his Assistants being also Honorary A. R. P. Officers in definite charge of some items of work in the organisation in Trivandrum, it was felt advisable to enable them to conduct the courses, and at the same time make themselves available, in Trivandrum, for any A. R. P. service, should an emergency arise.

Cultivation of Soya Beans.

379 *MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the cultivation of soya beans is being encouraged by Gove nment; and

(*b*) if so, in what all places, and the total extent of the area in which it is now cultivated in the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All over the State. The exact extent of the area cultivated is not known.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the soil and climate of Travancore are suitable for the cultivation of Soya Beans?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know the nature of the encouragement given by Government for its cultivation?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Seeds are distributed throughout the State and the necessary advice for the cultivation of this crop is given to the people.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is a market for this produce?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is intended for ordinary consumption within the State at this stage.

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MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR : കടലോരത്തേക്കാൾ മലയോരങ്ങളിൽ പയറു കൃഷിചെയ്താൽ കൂടുതൽ വിളവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : ഇടവപ്പാതികഴിഞ്ഞു ഇലാവർഷത്തി നുമുമ്പേ നട്ടാൽ കൂടുതൽ വിളവുണ്ടാകും.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : May I know in how many places it is cultivated in Trivandrum?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : In 12 or 13 places including Bhaktivilas.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Part (a) of the question is whether the cultivation of Soya Beans is being encouraged by Government and the answer is 'Yes' and part (b) of the question is "if so, in what all places, and the total extent of the area in which it is now cultivated——" and the answer is "All over the State". The exact extent of the area cultivated is not known." May I know whether it is due to the want of the desire of the honourable member to know the extent of the area cultivated or whether he is not willing to give the information?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Seeds have been distributed to more than 150 persons and trials are being conducted in these places. It is not possible to know the actual area of the land on which the crop is cultivated.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know the Malayalam name of this seed?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : It is known as "ചൈന പയർ".

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know whether any investigation has been conducted to know how the seeds distributed have been thriving?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

Cultivation of soya beans.

380 ✱ MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether anybody sought the aid and directions of the Agricultural Department to cultivate soya beans; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Director of Agriculture in the matter?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes, several people.

(*b*) Seeds were supplied to those who applied for them during the cultivation season, and directions for cultivation were also given whenever required. The Department has published a leaflet on soya bean cultivation and copies of the same are available.

Cultivation of swampy areas.

381 ✱ MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether in view of the present war conditions it is proposed to set apart for paddy cultivation the swampy areas such as Nedumannu

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